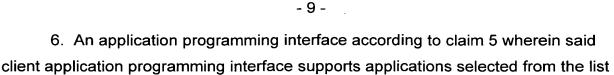
What is claimed is:

- 1. An application programming interface for a cordless telephone having an advanced programmable feature set, said interface comprising:
 - (a) a hardware interface module for communicating with the telephone in the telephone's native programming language;
 - (b) a server programming interface for layering installable server modules over the hardware interface module;
 - (c) a plurality of server modules overlying said server programming interface; and
 - (d) a client application programming interface overlying said server modules enabling a client to write an application which utilizes functionality provided by said server modules.
- 2. An application programming interface according to claim 1 wherein said installable server modules provide access to an address book, a call log, and a message store.
- 3. An application programming interface according to claim 2 wherein said installable server modules are selected from the group consisting of an address book engine, a call log engine, an LCD engine, an audio engine, and a message store management engine.
- 4. An application programming interface according to claim 3 wherein access is provided to at least five classes of features including displaying and scrolling text on handsets, displaying softkeys, edit control for I/O from/to handsets, selection control for selecting features from the feature set, and slider control for providing variable input.
- 5. An application programming interface according to claim 4 wherein said client application programming interface is accessible via VISUAL BASIC.



address book editor, an a text terminal.



7. A method for programming a cordless telephone having an advanced programmable feature set, comprising the steps of:

consisting of a call history viewer, a call status viewer, a message viewer, an

- (a) providing a hardware interface module for communicating with the telephone in the telephone's native programming language;
- (b) providing a server programming interface for layering installable server modules over the hardware interface module; and
- (c) providing a client application programming interface overlying the server modules enabling a client to write an application which utilizes functionality provided by the server modules.
- 8. A method according to claim 7 wherein the installable server modules provide access to an address book, a call log, and a message store.
- 9. A method according to claim 8 wherein the installable server modules are selected from the group consisting of an address book engine, a call log engine, an LCD engine, an audio engine, and a message store management engine.
- 10. A method according to claim 9 further comprising the step of providing access to at least five classes of features including displaying and scrolling text on handsets, displaying softkeys, edit control for I/O from/to handsets, selection control for selecting features from the feature set, and slider control for providing variable input.
- 11. A method according to claim 10 wherein the client application programming interface is accessible via VISUAL BASIC.
 - 12. A method according to claim 11, wherein the client application





programming interface supports applications selected from the list consisting of a call history viewer, a call status viewer, a message viewer, an address book editor, and a text terminal.